

Anno 1673.

# L A W S and A C T S

Past in the fourth and last Session of the second

## PARLIAMENT C II

Of our most High and Dread SOVERAIGN

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The Second,

By the Grace of God, King of *Scotland,*  
*England, France and Ireland,*  
Defender of the Faith:

Holden by his Grace *John Duke of Lauderdale,*  
*Marquess of March, Earl of Lauderdale,*  
*Viscount Maitland, Lord Thirlstane,*  
*Mussilburgh, and Bolton, &c.*  
His Majesties Commissioner, &c.

This Session continued from the 12. of *Novemb. 1673.* to the  
2. of *Decemb.* thereafter; and then being by His Majesties  
Authority several times Adjourned:

The Parliament was by His Majesties Royal Proclamation the  
19. of *May, 1674.* Dissolved.



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*LAWs and ACTS past in the fourth and last Session of the second Parliament of our most High and Dread Sovereign CHARLES the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of Scotland, England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith.*

*a. 1.*  
*ACT concerning the Pre-emption and Excise of Salt.*

*At Edinburgh, the 25. of November, 1673.*



THE King's most Excellent *Majesty*, having, from the constant affection and care, which He hath alwayes had of the concerns of this His Ancient Kingdom, Resolved further to gratifie His good Subjects, by such Grants and publick Laws as he shall judge to conduce most for their good and advantage: And understanding by the prosecution and management of the Pre-emption of Salt within this Kingdom; that the same hath been occasion of trouble and burden to His Subjects, His *Majesty* doth therefore Annull and Discharge the said Pre-emption, and all Pre-emptions of Salt in time coming, and Declares the same, and all Acts, Commissions, or other warrands whatsoever authorizing it, to be, from and after the first day of *December*, this present year, one thousand six hundred and seventy three, vacated, void and null. And in order thereunto, His *Majesty*, with advice and consent of His Estates of Parliament, Doth hereby Rescind and Annull, all and sundry the Contracts, which in prosecution of this Pre-emption,

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emption, were entered into by the Salt-masters, and these persons who, by warrant of the Commissioners of His *Majesties* Thesaurie, contracted with them for the sale of their Salt. And declares the saids Contracts and every of them to be void and null, after the said first of *December* next to come: It is always hereby declared, that these Contracts are to stand good to all intents and purposes therein contained, for all the Salt that is or shall be made before the said first day of *December*. Likeas the King's *Majesty*, for the encouragement of the Manufacture of Salt, and for the further ease of His good Subjects, Doth hereby declare, all Salt made or to be made within this Kingdom, to be henceforth free from payment of Excise. And further, His *Majesty*, with advice foresaid, allows the Importation of forraign Salt; And Statutes and Ordains, that ilk Boll of forraign Salt of *Linthgow* measure, shall pay fourty shillings *Scots* of Excise, whether the Salt be employed on Fishes or not; and that security shall be given at the entry of the Salt, that this Excise duty shall be compleatly payed within year and day after the Importation thereof: And in consideration of the Exemption which the forraign Salt employed on Fishes had from Excise formerly; His *Majesty* Declares, That all exported Fishes, whither Herring, Salmond, or others, shall be in time coming free from the payment of Custom.

Likeas, His *Majesty*, with advice foresaid, doth Inhibit and Discharge the Collectors and Farmers of Excise, upon any pretext, to give any ease or abatement of the said fourty shillings of Excise imposed upon ilk boll of forraign Salt, under the pain of deprivation, if they be Collectors, and the loss of the benefit of their Tack of the Excise, if they be Farmers; and of such further punishment as the Lords of Exchequer shall think fit to inflict. And to the end it may be known, what quantities of forraign Salt are truly entered, His *Majesty*, with advice foresaid, Ordains the severall Collectors of Excise, from time to time, to make patent to any of the Owners of Salt, or these having their Warrant, their Books, in so far as concerns the entry of forraign Salt: And if the Salt-owners, or their Factors, shall find any quantity conceal'd or imbezeld, or that there is abatement given of the duty, they are hereby warranted to pursue the transgressors before the Lords of Exchequer: And shall have for their own use, the equal half of the seizure-concealment, or abatement *respective*, which shall be so discovered by them. And His *Majesty* doth, with advice foresaid, Rescind and Annul any former Acts of Parliament, or clauses therein, relating to the Excise of Salt, which are inconsistent with, and prejudicial unto, the intent of this Act: And Declares, that so long as the Excise continues, this shall be the constant rule for regulating the Excise of Salt, and the custom thereof to continue as it is in the Book of Rates,

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ACT Concerning the importation and Excise of

B R A N D Y.

At E D I N B U R G H , the 1. of December, 1673.



THE King's Majesty, having, upon good consideration, thought fit to allow the Importation of Brandy, and Mum or Bremer-beer within this Kingdom; Doth therefore with advice and consent of His Estates of Parliament, Rescind and Annul all Acts of Parliament and Privy Council, Proclamations and other Warrants prohibiting the same. Likeas, His Majesty, with advice foresaid, Appoints every Tun of imported Brandy to be lyable in payment of fourscore pounds Scots for custome, without any defalcation, and ilk Scots pint of the same Brandy to be liable in the payment of six shillings Scots for Excise: And every barrel of the aforesaid Mum, not exceeding twelve gallons to be lyable in thretty shillings Scots of custome, and as much for excise, which excise of Brandy and Mum; is to be raised in the several Shires and Burghs, where the same shall be retailed, by tapping and selling in smalls, and employed for the proportional relief of the annuity of Excise payable by the saids Shires and Burghs, and this custome and excise to be lifted and payed conform to the Laws and Acts, made concerning Custome and Excise respectively.

act 111.

ACT Concerning

A P P A R E L.

At E D I N B U R G H , the 2. of December, 1673.



THE King's Majesty, considering that some difficulties have occurred, concerning some expressions and qualifications mentioned in the Act made in the last Session of Parliament, concerning Apparel, and that the Manufactur of whyt Lace or Pearling made of threed (whereby many poor people gain'd their lively-hood) was thereby much prejudged and impaired: For the clearing and remedie whereof; in time coming, His Majesty hath thought fit, with advice and consent of His Estates of Parliament, to Rescind,

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Discharge and Annual that part of the aforementioned Act for Apparel, concerning the allowance granted to the persons thereby priviledged, to wear Velvet Satins, and other silk Stuffs, &c. And Declares, that now and in time coming, it shal be free to all and every person within this Kingdom, to wear all such Silks, whyt Lace, Cloaths and others, in the same manner, and als freely as be the aforesaid Act, they were allowed to be worn by the priviledged persons therein mentioned: And that plain Satin Ribbons may be worn upon Apparel in the same manner as Tassitie Ribbons; Any thing in the said Act to the contrair, notwithstanding. Likcas, His Majesty, with advice foresaid, doth hereby Ratific and renew the aforesaid Act, pass in the last Sesion of Parliament, concerning Apparel, in all the other heads, claus and articles thereof, which are not by this Act innovat or discharged.

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*Act concerning the Imposition on*

**T O B A C C O.**

At EDINBURGH, the 2. of December, 1673.



HE King's Majesty, considering the prejudice that doth and may arise to the trade of Tobacco, be and upon occasion of the late imposition upon the Tobacco, and the gift of the same given under His Majesties Great Seal, to Sir John Nicolson of Nicolson, of the date the second of December, 1671. Therefore His Majesty, with advice and consent of His Estates of Parliament, doth discharge the said Imposition upon the Tobacco. And declares the said Imposition, and Gift thereof granted to the said Sir John Nicolson to be void and extinct in all intents, as if the said Imposition and Gift had not been imposed or granted. And His Majesty, with consent foresaid, doth allow the importing of Tobacco in all time coming free and without payment of any other Custome and Imposition but the ordinary Custome: Conform to the book of Rates, And the Excise. It is alwayes Declared and Ordained, that such sums of money as have been payed to the said Sir John, or to any person in his name, for and upon the account of the said Imposition, and all bands granted upon the account foresaid, shal pertain to his Majesty, and the said Sir John shal be accountable for the saids sums and shal be obliged to deliver the saids Bands to the Lords of His Majesties Thesaurie



Theſaurie for His *Majeſties* uſe ; Excepting alwayes, the Band given for the Tobacco, imported in the Ship called *John Philips* is Maſter, arrived at the Port of *Whereof* in the Weſt, which His *Majeſty* doth diſcharge, and Ordains, to be given back to thoſe who granted the ſame : And ſicklike, excepting any other Bands granted upon the account of the ſaid Impoſition, where the Tobacco is not vented, as to ſuch proportions thereof, as the Merchants ſhal declare upon their Oath, are not ſold by them, They alwayes paying the ordinary dues, *viz.* Cuſtome conform to the book of Rates, and Excife. And His *Majeſty*, with advice foreſaid, doth hereby Declare all Tobacco already imported, to be free of the ſaid impoſition, where money hath not been payed, or Bands granted for the ſame, and diſcharges any arreſtments laid thereon upon the account of the ſaid Impoſition.

*A. Primerose, Cls. Reg.*

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